GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Commercial Transport Service on River Ganga
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to formulate any plan for commercial transport service on the river Ganga in the country;
(b) if so, the details and the present status thereof; and
(c) the time frame set for implementation of the said project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a)to(c):The Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP) has been taken up with technical and investment support of the World Bank to strengthen navigation capacity and promote transportation of cargo and passengers on National Waterway-1 (NW-1) on the Haldia-Varanasi stretch of Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly River System. The project has been appraised by the Public Investment Board, at an estimated cost of Rs. 5,369.18 crore and its target date of completion is 2021-22. The project includes construction of multimodal terminals at Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh), Sahibganj (Jharkhand) and Haldia (West Bengal) and a new navigational lock at Farakka (West Bengal).

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